

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

: Confirmation No. 8006

Kouichirou HIRATA et al.

Docket No. 2001\_1888A

Serial No. 10/018,974

Group Art Unit 1645

Filed December 26, 2001

: Examiner Jana A. Hines

METHOD FOR THE DETECTION OF STREPTOCOCCUS SOBRINUS AND ANTIBODY USED THEREFOR THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Petition hereby is made for a second and third month extension of time to respond to the communication of December 3, 2003. A first month extension of time was filed on April 2, 2004.

The fee of \$840.00 is

- (X) submitted herewith.
- () to be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-0975. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.
- () Small entity status of this application is established by a Small Entity Status Assertion which
  - () is enclosed.
  - () has been previously submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

Kouichirou HIRATA et al.

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